to the Government to convert the Rural Medical Dispensary of Ollur into a Pucca Dispensary".

Sir, Ollur is a very thickly populated place and it is almost deserving the name of a town. There are many factories there. The nearest hospital is at Trichur. From the answer supplied to me during this session itself, it would be clear that this dispensary has the largest number of attendance of patients than all the rural dispensaries put together. I therefore pray that this dispensary may be converted into a pucca dispensary.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—I second it.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sir, it is not possible for the Government to convert this dispensary into a regular Government dispensary for various reasons. Firstly, Sir, the distance from Ollur to Trichur is only four miles. There are frequent buses and nearby there is a grant-in-aid dispensary at Trikkur. There is a regular dispensary at Pudukad and a good hospital at Trichur within easy accessibility. Instead of multiplying the number of hospitals and dispensaries I think it would be much better to improve the existing ones. The hospital at Trichur and the dispensary at Pudukad require more important improvements and it would be better to improve those institutions than to convert this dispensary into a regular one. I am sorry Government is not in a position to accept this Resolution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

47. Anti-rabic Treatment of the Depressed Classes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to exempt the Members of the Depressed Classes from the production of Poverty Certificates for anti-rabic treatment*".

Sir, I have not till now found a depressed class man who is not poor. Therefore, I submit that everyone can be presumed to be poor and without the production of a poverty certificate they may be given this treatment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—I second it.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sir, it is very easy for them to produce a certificate. The centres where this treatment is

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given are Trichur and Ernakulam and the men are coming from rural areas and we do not know who they are, and whether they belong to Cochin. It is enough if he brings a certificate that he belongs to the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, according to the procedure now adopted the petition must be submitted to the Tahsildar and the Tahsildar sends it over to the Village staff. They make a report to the Tahsildar. It is a very difficult process.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I can speak from my own personal experience with regard to this. According to the rules, if the man is within the Municipal area the paper will be forwarded to the Civil Surgeon by the Municipal Chairman. But if it happens to be in the rural areas it must come through the Taluk authorities and it is very difficult for them to come and get these certificates. If you say that this certificate can be signed by any respectable person such as Panchayat Presidents it is very easier. This treatment must be begun within a limited number of days. They must be sent to the hospital forthwith. The Council Members may be asked to give certificates. So also the Panchayat Presidents.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.— സർ, ഈ രാജ്യത്തുള്ളവർ എല്ലാവരും വേണ്ടതാണെന്ന പറയുന്നകാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവൺമെൻറ നിർബന്ധം പിടിക്കരുത്. ഡിപ്രസ്സ്ഡ് ക്ലാസ് മെമ്പർ ആണെന്നപറഞ്ഞാൽ അതിൽ കൂടുതൽ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറിന്റെ ആവശ്യമില്ല.

Mr. President.—A certificate from the Panchayat President is sufficient. The practice may be followed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I request the Government may be pleased to consider the question of giving the power of granting certificates to the Members of Panchayats also. They will have to travel some times three to four miles in order to find the President. That will create hardship to them.

Mr. President.—Certificates from the Members of the Legislative Council and Panchayat Presidents may be accepted.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

48. Services of Government Officials in Social Societies

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—"*This Council recommends to the Government that the circular prohibiting any Government*

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